

ANU HDR SUPERVISION: *POLICY AND PRACTICE UPDATE 2025*

In this Update (March 2025; 9 slides):

- **Key policy and practice updates for 2025:**
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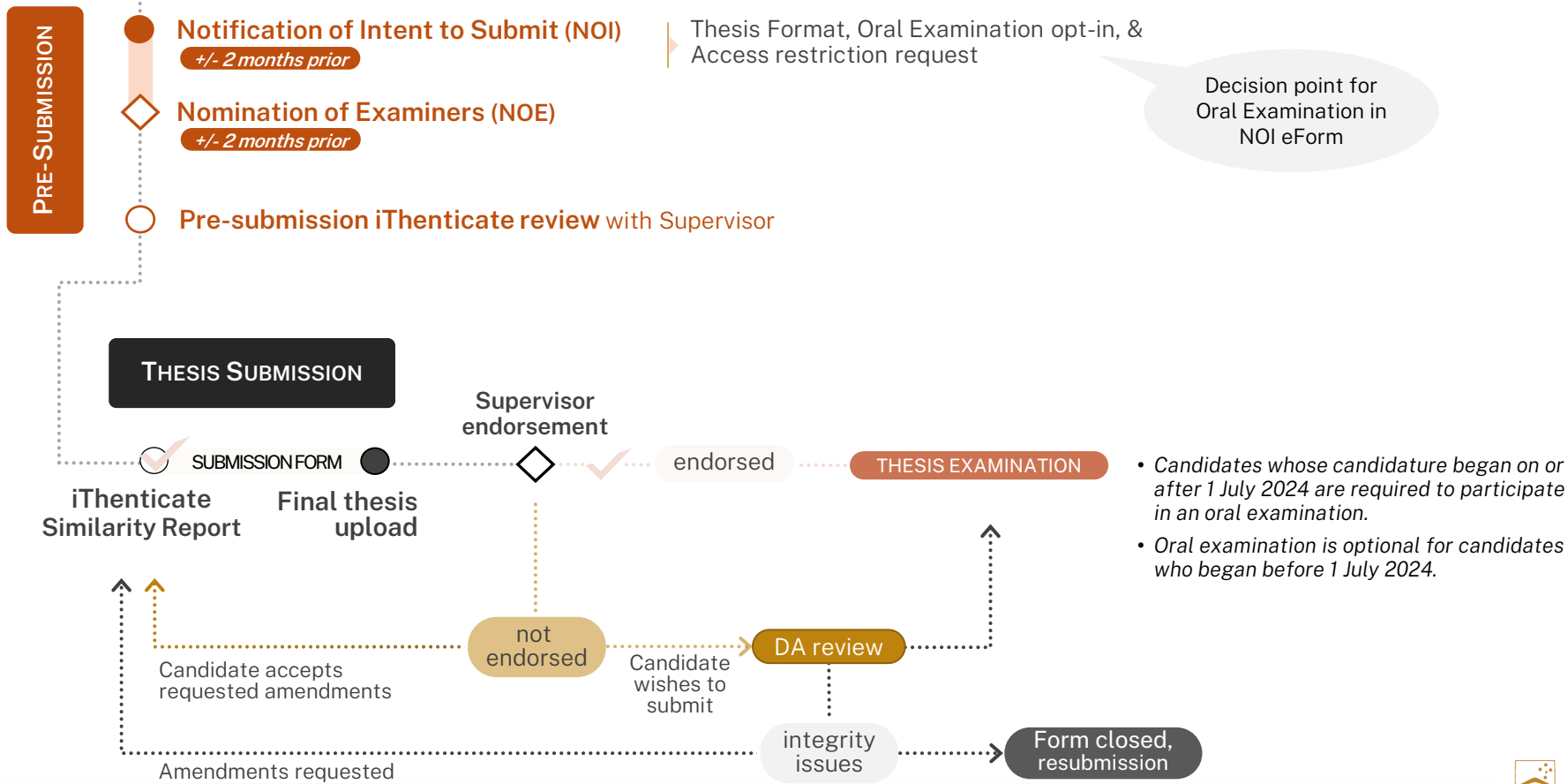
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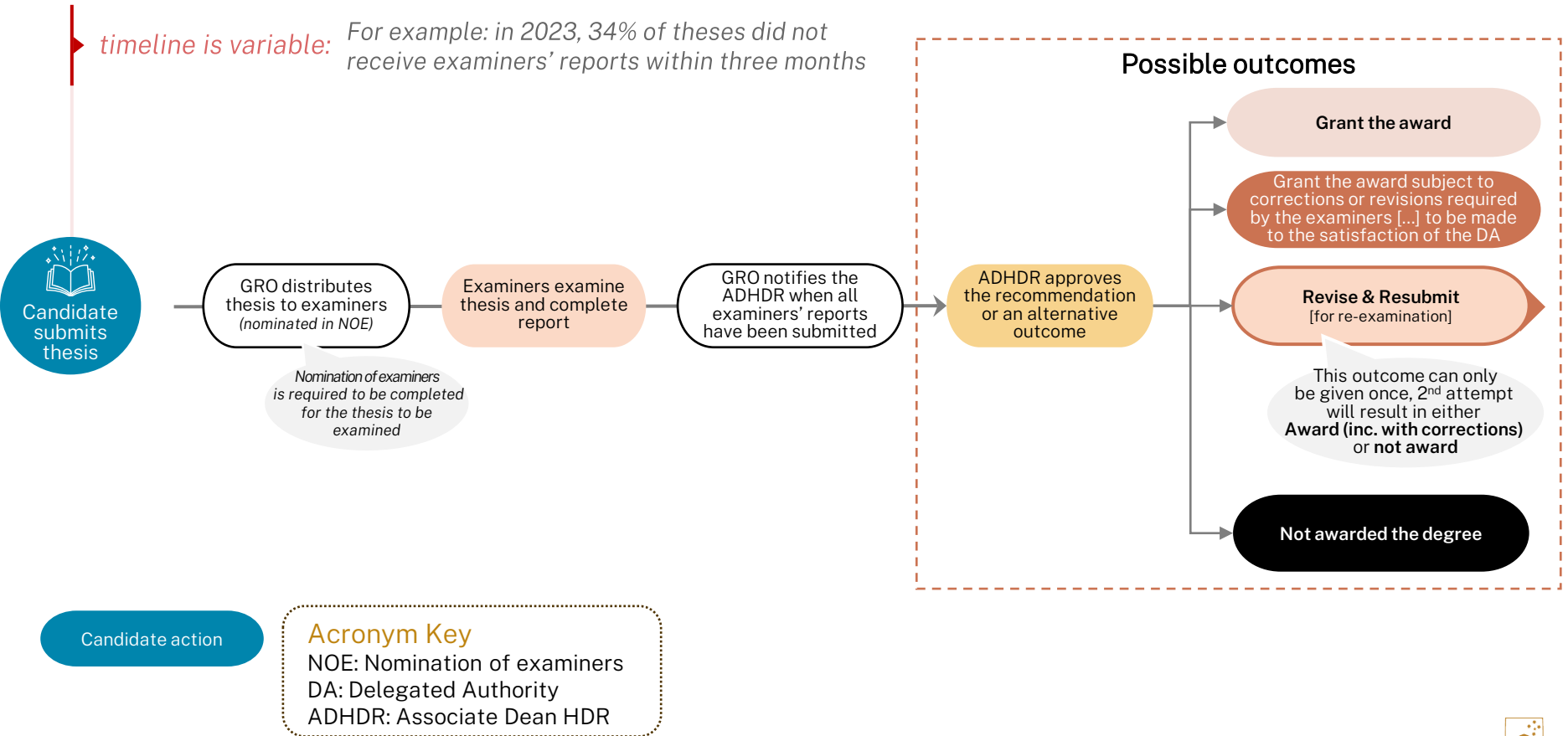
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1. HDR thesis submission process



1a. Thesis examination – without oral examination*



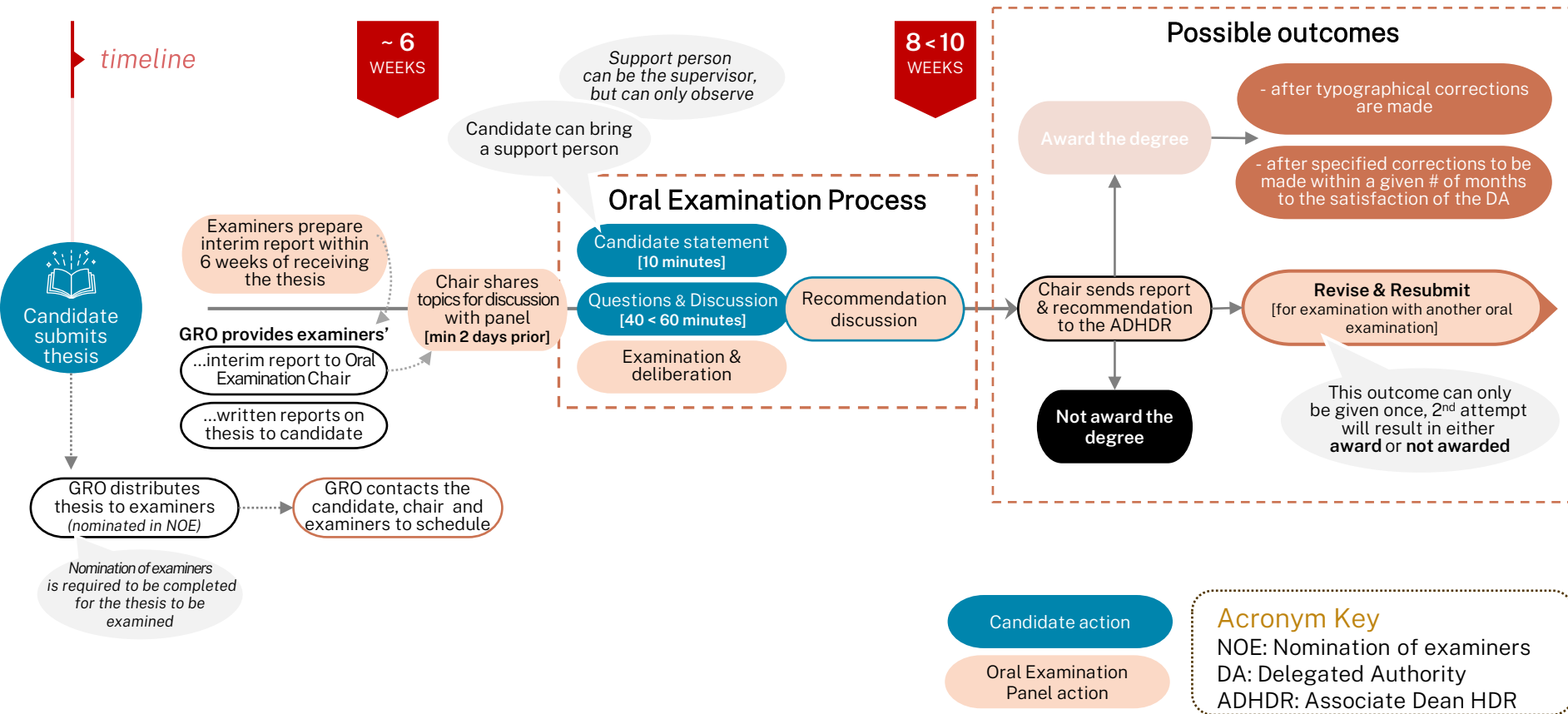
* This examination process is available only to HDR candidates who commenced prior to 1 July 2024



1b. Oral Examination of HDR candidates

Now available to all ANU HDR candidates	Opt-in for candidates who commenced prior to 1 July 2024; required for candidates who commenced from 1 July 2024.
Why?	International & Go8 standard; improve candidates' examination experience.
When?	Normally within 8 weeks of submission, and within ANU business hours.
How?	Virtual; managed by Oral Examination Chair independent of supervisory panel.
Chair	Senior ANU academic with specific training; nominated by Delegated Authority. Chair training will begin in second quarter 2025.
Who participates?	Candidate, Chair, Examiners, candidate-invited Support Person (optional).
Duration & communication of results?	Max. 2 hours; informal advice to candidate after deliberation period; formal recommendation to Delegated Authority.

1c. Thesis examination – with oral examination*



* Available to all HDR candidates; required for those commencing from 1 July 2024

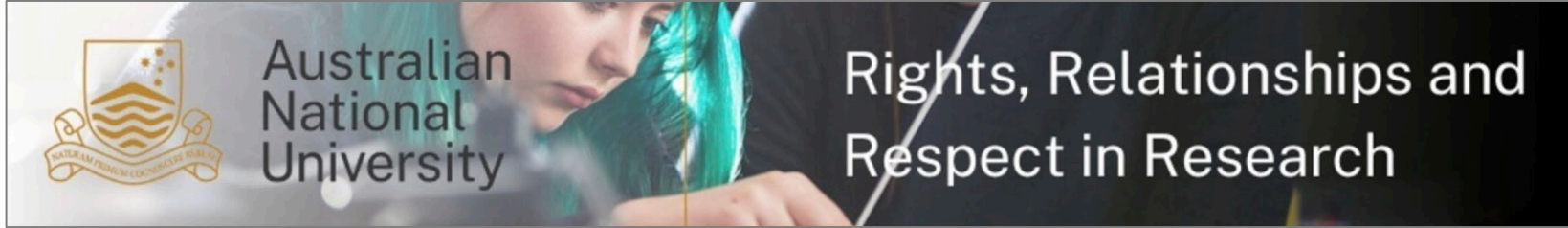


2. HDR thesis format changes

- A revised *Procedure: Thesis Formats* will replace the current *Procedure*
- The new *Procedure* will identify and define 4 thesis formats:
 1. *Written thesis* – where either a single piece of written work, or a collection of written works, is the primary output;
 2. *Thesis by Publication* – in place of the current ‘Thesis by compilation’;
 3. *Thesis by Creative Works* – as at present;
 4. *Thesis by Artefacts* – comprising one, or a combination of, digital, printed, built material object or multimedia works.



3. Rights, Relationships and Respect in Research



- A revised online module for HDR candidates, and HDR supervisors.
- Developed by ANU Respectful Relationships Team, in support of the University's commitment to a safe and respectful workplace.
- All HDR candidates are expected to complete in first 3 months of program.
- Optional completion by HDR supervisors qualifies as a Registration Renewal Activity.
- Complements other ANU Respectful Relationships resources and training (which also qualify as Registration Renewal Activities).

4. HDR-related ANU Sharepoint sites

The ANU Research and Innovation Portfolio Hub hosts these HDR-related sites:

- HDR Decision makers guide
- resources for ADHDRs, Delegated Authorities and Convenors. Useful for supervisors too
- HDR Handbook
- the go-to guide for HDR candidates
- HDR Industry Engagement
- supporting external engagement and career development for HDR candidates
- Confirmation of Candidature
- research training milestone, normally 9-12 months after commencement
- iThenticate for HDR
- a required tool to support candidates and supervisors to check for plagiarism
- Oral Examination
- now available to all ANU HDR candidates



5. HDR Supervision Resources – reminders

Through the HDR Supervision Portal in Wattle, you can access:

1. the *Supervising Doctoral Studies* package, comprising:

- a diagnostic tool to help make best use of the resources, and 10 modules which address key topics in HDR supervision.
- Completion of any 2 modules qualifies as a registration renewal activity.

2. **Blogs and Reading Packs** on topics of common interest, including:

Candidate wellbeing | Cohort supervision | Disrespectful relationships | Examination | Expectations & boundaries | First Nations candidates & topics | HDR carers | Oral examination | Panel supervision | Reflective practice | Remote supervision | Supervision in the culturally-diverse academy | Writing groups

- Completion of 1 Reading Pack qualifies as a registration renewal activity.

3. **Recordings of workshops**, including:

Enhancing employability | Ethics & Integrity | Managing supervisory relationships | Mental health

